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IN RE: Application of Jeff T. HUTCHINS, et al.

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Examiner: Snedden, Sheridan

For: *Superficial Zone Protein and  
Methods of Making and Using Same*

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2004 (Paper No./Mail Date 20040301) for which a 3 month shortened statutory period to respond was set. Accordingly, a Petition and Fee for a two-month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, extending the period of time for response to August 24, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 07-1392. Early examination of the application on the merits is earnestly solicited